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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: WINTER SEASON ALL-CARGO SCHEDULES

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CLARIFICATION (CONTAINED REFTTEL) CONCERNING GOI REASONING BEHIND REFUSAL TO AUTHORIZE PAN AM AND TWA ALL-CARGO SERVICES. USG VIEW IS THAT NEITHER US-ITALY BILATERAL AGREEMENT NOR COMMONLY ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE PROVIDES ANY BASIS FOR ITALIAN POSITION ON FERRY FLIGHTS.

2. THESE FERRY FLIGHT ARE SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF POSITIONING AIRCRAFT AND DO NOT CARRY ANY COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC ON BOARD. FERRYING OF AIRCRAFT FOR PLACEMENT PURPOSES HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALWAYS BEEN AN ACCEPTED PRACTICE IN INTERNATIONAL AVIATION. MOREOVER, THERE ARE NO PROHIBITIONS IN THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT AGAINST OPERATING SERVICES IN ONE DIRECTION ONLY AND SUCH "ONE-WAY" FLIGHTS ARE NOT UNCOMMON PRACTICE, PARTICULARLY FOR ALL-CARGO SERVICES. USG IS THEREFORE CONCERNED WITH GOI'S INTERPRETATION OF THE RESTRICTION

CONTAINED IN THE US ROUTE SCHEDULE AND CONSIDERS THAT THE
INTERPRETATING OF THIS RESTRICTION AS APPLYING TO FERRY
FLIGHTS IS UNWARRANTED. GOI'S DISAPPROVAL OF THE AFFECTED

PAN AM AND TWA FLIGHTS DEPRIVES THE DESIGNATED US AIR-
LINES FROM EXERCISING THEIR FULL RIGHTS IN PROVIDING
SERVICES OVER AUTHORIZED ROUTES AND IS THEREFORE INCONSIS-
TENT WITH THE US-ITALY AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, AS
AMENDED. ACCORDINGLY, THE USG MUST INSIST THAT THE
AFFECTED PAN AM AND TWA ALL-CARGO OPERATIONS BE ALLOWED
TO CONTINUE AT LEAST PENDING A DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE
DURING THE FORTHCOMING JANUARY CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE TO GOI SUBSTANCE
OF PARA 2 ABOVE IN SUITABLE MANNER.

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